

HBA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

December 4, 1985

MINUTES

Attendance - Alberto Roig, Margie Echeverria, Maria I. Velez-Lopez, Grissele Camacho-Pagan, Julio Sanchez, William E. Agrait and Patricia Valladares

This meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., by President, Grissele Camacho-Pagan.

The first topic of discussion was the Organization of Board Functions. The secretary will be responsible for sending out notices regarding 1986 dues. A questionnaire should be included in this mailing in order to gather information as to who the membership is composed of. A sample questionnaire used in the past should be used as a guide. The secretary was assigned the task of securing a post office box. Additionally, the authorized signatures will have to be changed at the bank.

The possibility of depositing the Scholarship Fund into an interest bearing account is a goal the treasurer should work towards. The association's address should be changed so that the present treasurer receives the bank statements. Additionally, the goal for future meetings is to present an updated financial report to the Board.

The president assigned the revision of the by-laws

to the vicepresident, no time goal was discussed. The changes to be achieved are:

- 1). change the name from the Puerto Rican Bar Association to the present - Hispanic Bar Association.
- 2). allow elections by mail.
- 3). designate a President-Elect. At this point the question was raised as to whether the term of office should be 2 years - no decision was made.

Margie Echeverria was assigned the task of changing the Scholarship Fund to a non-profit tax status under I.R.S. §501 (c) (3).

In order to gather relevant information that will make us more aware of events in the different counties the president has broken down the Board's geographic responsibility as follows: Essex County will be monitored by Virginia Class-Mathews, Margie Echeverria, Marta Figueroa. Hudson County - Hector Velequez, Maria Velez-Lopez, Patricia Valladares. Passaic - Roberto Yacono. Union - Julio Sanchez, Alberto Ulloa. Middlesex - William Agrait, Griselle Camacho-Pagan. (O.K. guys keep your nose to the grindstone)

At this point it was reported to the Board that Ariel Rodriguez was to be sworn in as Hudson County Superior Judge. It was decided that a cocktail party should be held in his honor. Billy Agrait is to make all pertinent arrangements , i.e., location, invitation list, date, etc.



The president presented the Board with an updated financial report - the bottom line - we lost money at the dinner dance. One of the major problems was the lack of publicity. The president designated Patricia as chairlady for the 1986 Dance and Maria as chairlady for the ad journal.

At this juncture other means to raise funds for the scholarship were discussed. It was the consensus that we need more publicity. To achieve this end, Billy Agrait was designated as our Public Relations person.

The president reported on the minorities in the judicial system Task Force. Hector Velasquez has been appointed by the chief justice to the task force. The Board and the membership should advise and discuss problems they perceive with Hector, so that he may in turn advise the Task Force. A future goal is to form an advisory committee to further assist Hector. Raymond Irizarry has expressed an interest in serving in such a committee.

Griselle will write a letter to Governor Kean regarding his efforts in appointing more Hispanics to the Bench.

HBA involvement in community organizations was the last topic discussed. Basically the issue is whether the HBA should become involved in a political action committee - no decision was made.

Next meeting will be in six weeks.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!